

RECIPES

Handy Manny works hard and needs food to fuel him along. Create a fun, healthy "handyman lunch" with all the fixings by using the following ideas:

- Prepare a sack lunch for each handyman/guest. Each sack lunch can have a juice box, a sandwich, fruit, crackers, cheese squares, etc.
Tip: Have children "fix" their own sandwiches for their lunch bags by putting out spreads, vegetables, hamburger buns, condiments, different kinds of meats, and anything else you'll need to fix a sandwich right. Label the food with fun names such as "Wood Putty" for peanut butter, "Red Paint" for ketchup, "Yellow Paint" for mustard, "Wheels" for hamburger buns, and "Spackle" for mayonnaise.
- Cement Shakes - By adding a few drops of black food coloring to a vanilla milkshake, you'll have liquid cement for drinks!
- Manny's Tool Cake

MANNY'S TOOL CAKE

Ingredients:

- Boxed cake mix
- Ready-made frosting
- Graham crackers
- Ready-made tube icing
- Plastic toy tools

Directions:

1. Bake cake mix according to directions and allow to cool thoroughly.
2. Frost entire cake in white or light-colored frosting; light yellow or beige would work great too.
3. Use one-quarter of a full-size graham cracker to make planks/boards to create a border all around the cake. You may have to break them in half to get them a little smaller.
4. Taking a tube of ready-made icing in orange, dark brown, or another "handyman color," write a message to the birthday child. This can be a simple "Happy birthday, ____" or something more theme-oriented.
5. Using your icing tube, draw some little nails in bunches in two or three places. Just draw a line and a little round dot at the top!
6. Place plastic toy tools on top of the cake. If you have a toy saw, prop it perpendicular to the cake to give added dimension.

